



WINTER POLICIES CLARIFIED

As we deal with winter weather conditions, I would like to clarify the following Highway Department policies:

- MAILBOX REPLACEMENT
- PLOWING ONTO HIGHWAY
- PARKING LAW
- HIGHWAY QUESTIONS

MAILBOX REPLACEMENT:

When a mailbox or mailbox post is actually hit by a Town Highway plow, we will replace the mailbox with a standard mailbox and a standard post when necessary.

We are not obligated to replace custom-built, ornamental, or plastic mailboxes or posts.

No mailbox post shall be set inside concrete, brick or other stationary fixture.

When the weight of the snow damages your mailbox or post, it is the responsibility of the property owner to replace his or her mailbox and/or post.

Please call the highway garage at (716) 937-7336 if you feel a town plow has damaged your mailbox/post. With the understanding, ROAD SAFETY is our first priority and then the replacement of mailboxes and/or posts at our first convenience.

PLOWING ONTO HIGHWAY:

Under Section 1219 Subdivision A of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law: "No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway ANY SNOW or substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway." It is an extremely dangerous practice and we will prosecute violators. When plowing out a driveway, always keep in mind the hazard you could create for drivers. Please use common sense when clearing.

Also, there should be NO OBSTRUCTION(S) such as: Rocks, Stakes, Plants, Bushes, Boulders, etc. on the right of way (shoulder) of road. If so, the Town of Alden will not be held responsible for any damages.

PARKING LAW:

Our local parking law prohibits parking on any Town or County road from November 1st through April 30th during the hours from 1 am to 7 am. Violators are subject to parking fines. Repeat violations will result in vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. If an emergency exists and your vehicle cannot be removed from the street call (716) 937-7336.

The Town is not responsible for damage caused by Town Equipment at any vehicles parked within the road right of way. This includes all driveways and parking areas.

QUESTIONS?: *If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the above issues or laws, or any comments that are highway related, please feel free to call me at anytime*

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